

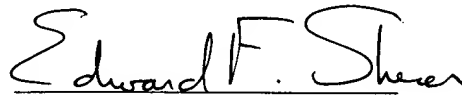
Please examine the substitute specification rather than the originally filed application. No new matter has been added to the substitute specification.

The amended claims are being submitted to correct multiple dependent claims for better U.S. practice and examination and also to reduce fees.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims of the application are in condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

January 29, 2001  
Date

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Edward F. Sherer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "E" and "S".

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